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TAGS: CASC (HURT, ROBERT), UR

SUBJECT:SOVIET MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR ROBERT HURT

1. DEPARTMENT (EUR/SOV) HAS BEEN IN TOUCH OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS WITH AMCIT ROBERT HURT, FORMER PROFESSIONAL RACETRACK DRIVER, WHO IS SEEKING THROUGH SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO ARRANGE OPERATION AT POLENOV NEUROSURGICAL INSTITUTE IN LENINGRAD. HURT SUFFERED SPINAL INJURY IN AUTO CRASH WHILE RACING WHICH RESULTED IN VIRTUALLY COMPLETE PARALYSIS OF LIMBS.

2. SOVIET EMBASSY ADVISED HURT TO UNDERGO SERIES OF DIFFICULT MEDICAL TESTS, WHICH HE HAS DONE AT CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE AND INCONVENIENCE (HURT HAS HAD TO MAKE SEVERAL TRIPS FROM HIS HOME IN FLORIDA TO TORONTO, WHERE HE WAS ORIGINALLY TREATED).

3. HURT FEELS IT IN HIS BEST INTERESTS TO TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD WITH RESULTS OF LATEST TESTS SO THAT SOVIET EXPERTS AT POLENOV CLINIC CAN EVALUATE CHANCES OF SUCCESSFUL OPERATION AT FIRST HAND.

4. CONGEN IS REQUESTED, IF IT SEES NO OVERRIDING OB-
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JECTION, TO DISCUSS HURT CASE INFORMALLY WITH PROFESSOR

UGRYUMOV OF POLENOV CLINIC, WITH WHOM HURT HAS BEEN IN DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE. IN PARTICULAR, HURT WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF CLINIC WOULD BE WILLING TO EXAMINE HIM IN LENINGRAD. HURT WOULD IN ANY EVENT LIKE TO HAVE SOME IDEA OF CLINIC'S PRESENT ASSESSMENT OF HIS CASE.

5. FYI. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HURT IS NOT AWARE OF ROGER FRANK CASE. END FYI.

6. PLEASE SLUG REPLY FOR EUR/SOV. KISSINGER

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